

Monday - October 2, 1978

This morning we were served a Continental breakfast in the Mozart Hotel dining room. On the way to Munich, Kate Buhler told us facts about the real life story of Marie in the "Sound of Music." It was very interesting. While on the "Sound of Music" tour, Dan Kunz met a Rotary Club friend from home, which was a pleasant surprise for him. We arrived at the German border at 8:20 a.m. While we were waiting for Tony to take care of customs, a young lady in uniform entered the bus. She was selling souvenirs--key chains, car stickers, etc. Tony told us that it takes longer to cross borders now because officials are checking for terrorists. Later in the morning, we had another rest stop. At 9:45 a.m., we were back on the motor coach traveling through miles of thick forests. The road sign to Nuermberg was on the right as we entered Munich. The famous celebration, "Oktoberfest" ended last night. We told Tony we would like to hear the big clock chime at 11:00 a.m. I don't know how he did it, but just as he drove the motor coach into Marienplatz Square in front of the Rathaus, the huge animated Glockenspeil clock in the 266 foot tower went into action--bells chiming, and the large enameled copper figures going through the motions of a miniature Jousting Tournament. It was an exciting sight to see. Tony then drove the motor coach through this medieval City of Munich and we saw many places of interest. We passed the Maxmillianplatz with its beautiful fountain. We saw museums, galleries, statues, cathedrals, old buildings and new, and even a McDonald's hamburger place. We saw the Victualienmarket where the farmers sell their produce. There were many fruit and vegetable stands throughout the City of Munich. The grapes were especially good. The sights of this big city were fascinating, but it looked like a good place to get lost. It was a bit frustrating with so many things to see and not enough time.

Tony parked the motor coach by the Old Armory Museum and we walked to the Dressner Bank to exchange our traveler's checks to German franks. We were asked to show our passports. As we walked